



January 20, 2026

Board of Trustees Resolution

Recognizing the Cultural and Historical Significance of Lunar New Year 2026

Whereas, Lunar New Year is a significant cultural celebration observed by millions of people around the world, including communities of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other East and Southeast Asian heritage, marking the beginning of a new year based on the lunar calendar; and

Whereas, Lunar New Year 2026 marks the beginning of a new lunar cycle and is traditionally celebrated through family gatherings, cultural traditions, reflection, and the welcoming of renewal, prosperity, and good fortune; and

Whereas, the observance of Lunar New Year carries deep historical, cultural, and spiritual meaning and serves as an important opportunity to honor the rich traditions, histories, and contributions of Asian and Asian American communities; and

Whereas, the South Orange County Community College District serves a diverse student population and is committed to fostering inclusive environments that respect and celebrate global perspectives and multicultural understanding; and

Whereas, the District's Inspire 2035 strategic plan affirms a commitment to equity, inclusion, global awareness, and a sense of belonging for all students, and the recognition of Lunar New Year aligns with these priorities by honoring the cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions of Asian and Asian American communities; and

Whereas, recognizing cultural observances such as Lunar New Year supports student belonging, cross-cultural learning, and mutual respect across the District's colleges and communities; now, therefore,

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Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby recognizes the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year 2026; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board affirms its support for educational and cultural activities that highlight the traditions, histories, and contributions of Asian and Asian American communities; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that this recognition reflects SOCCCD's ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and the celebration of the many cultures that enrich the District and its communities.

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